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DISCUSSION OF NEW LICENSING SYSTEM SLATED FOR MEETING

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PPRAA MEMBERS STAGE 'MOST SUCCESSFUL' PICNIC HERE

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Two important discussions, both of them vital to every member of the PPRAA, will be the feature of the next meeting September 13, at the Red Cross Center, 1600 N. Cascade, starting at 8 p. m.

One will be an open forum discussion and details on the new Incentive Licensing Program bill which was signed August 24--the other will be the report of the nominating committee for officers and four members of the board of directors, to be elected at the October meeting.

A digest of the provisions of the new Incentive Licensing bill is on Page 3 of this issue.

Max Main, WØBDH, PPRAA president, who will be in Washington, D. C. just prior to the meeting, hope to get all the details on the new licensing bill at that time and have them for discussion at the meeting. Pete Demario, K-

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The Austin Bluffs Youth Camp here was the scene of what may well be called the "picnic of the year" on August 13 when member of the PPRAA and their families---totaling 153 persons---gathered to enjoy an afternoon of "food, fun and frolic."

Eldon Lewis, WAØERA, and Ed Pompea, KØZPG, showed that they were as adept at barbequeing chickens as at handling their rigs. "Rosie" Lewis, WAØMNL, picnic chairman, kept busy throughout the day and the success of the picnic showed that she did excellent plannig for the affair.

Best of all, the picnic provided the opportunity for members to meet the XYLS (OOPS!, should I say SWOOPS) and "harmonics" of the other members, a social "privilege" not available through club meetings.

In spite of loading themselves down with 35 chickens, 80 hot dogs, 38 pounds of potato salad, 5 gallons of beans and o-

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Harlan Talley, WAØJCS
Wally Rowland, KØWMD
George Kowalski, WØGCH

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The PPRAA meets on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 8 p.m., in the Red Cross Building, 1600 N. Cascade Ave. All radio amateurs are invited.

COPY DEADLINE for the OCTOBER Ø Beat will be September 27.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

With elections of PPRAA officers for the coming year due in October, it is a good idea for each of us to consider who among the club members should fill those positions.

Any club is only as good as the officers who guide it and, conversely, the officers are only as good as the support they receive from the members.

The job of president is an especially important and trying one. His is the responsibility, working through properly appointed committees, of seeing that the programs for the meetings are such that will attract the members, of seeing that the activities of the club are kept in the "public Eye," and of seeing that the meetings are properly conducted.

The other officer have like responsibilities to a lesser degree.

Ever since the "spark" generated by our successful convention in 1966, the officers have done a good job of keeping the club active. It is not only the privilege---it is the duty of every member of the PPRAA to select and elect another "live wire" group of officers to assure the continuing existence and full slate of activities for the PPRAA.

The nominating committee will present its choices for a slate of officers at the September meeting and the election will take place at the October meeting. Nominations, in addition to those submitted by the committee, may be made by members by the method listed in the President's column elsewhere in this issue.

Plan now to arrange your "affairs" sothat you can attend both the September and the October meetings to assure the election of those you feel are best qualified for the offices. The PPRAA is your club---the officersare your officers---- it is up to you to see that the proper ones are chosen.

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Since the editor is using the first two weeks in September to get away from his regular newspaper job to introduce his brother and family (from Portland, Oregon) to Colorado, Rosie has offered to handle the task of picking Ø Beat up at the printers, sticking on the address labels and mailing it. Thanks for the help, Rosie!! Oh, yes, I'll be at the meeting, Just couldn't miss everthing that will be going on then.

FRANK - WØHWH

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Then there's the Rabbi who wouldn't go to a "ham" picnic.

INCENTIVE LICENSING PROGRAM BILL SIGNED AUGUST 24
PROVISIONS WILL AFFECT ALL CLASSES OF RADIO AMATEURS

The long-awaited, much-discussed Incentive Licensing Program bill was signed August 24---a bill which will affect every ham, from novice to extra class, in the future.

Although nothing official on the program has been received as yet, there has been enough information received to present the following digest of its provisions from information now available.

Provisions of the bill will be phased in over a period of time extending through 1968 and 1969, with the first of the provisions taking effect, according to present knowledge, the latter part of 1968.

The system is an upgrading of the General Class, through the creation of a new Advanced Class ticket. Persons now holding a General Class ticket may obtain the Advanced Class ticket by passing an "Element 4" theory test. Since the code speed for both the General and Advanced Class tickets will be 13 wpm, no additional code test will be required for the holder of a General Class ticket to advance---only the theory test will be required.

Those persons holding Conditional Class licenses who wish to obtain the Advanced Class license will have to take the present test for General Class (including the 13 wpm code test) plus the "Element 4" theory section.

Code speed for Extra Class licenses will remain at 20 wpm. Some additional frequencies for CW use will be alloted for this class in the future.

Starting in November 1968, the phone bands in the 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter segments will be split in half, as follows, with General Class licenees keep half of the present frequencies.

The other half, plus the half allotted to the future General Clas licensees, will be reserved for the holders of Advanced Class licenses. Thus the holder of the Advanced Class ticket will be able to work all phone freqencies presently alloted to General Class licenses, while the General Class licensee in the future will be limited to half the present frequencies presently authorized.

The change will be gradually phased in, first the 80 meter band, then the 40 meter band, then the 20 meter, and finally the 15 meter phone band.

Eventually the Novice Class license will be a two year license. However, 2 meter phone privileges will be cancelled for Novice licensees.

Although the new Advance Class will not go into effect until November 1968, according to present information, examinations for this class will be given prior to that time.

Reportedly the changes are in line with those reported in the March 1965 issue of QST. The October 1967 QST will carry the full details.

Max Main, PPRAA president, who will be in Washington, D.C. just prior to the September PPRAA meeting, will attempt to get full details on the changes--with the plan of presenting them for open forum discussion at the meeting.

Wally Rowland, presently conducting code classes at his QTH in Manitou Springs, plans to conduct study groups for General Class operators interested in the Advanced Class license as soonas information on the material contained in the "Element 4" test can be obtained.

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ØUDH, and Wally Rowland, KØWMD, who are also getting information on the bill, will assist Max in the discussion.

With these two items of interest to every member of the club, plus the usual door prizes and, we hope, the presence of our "coffee and doughnut man"--Joe Browning, W8HOJ/Ø (whose wife is on a prolonged stay in the Fort Carson Hospital following an operation the first part of this month), this should be a meeting with one of the largest turnouts for some time.

Just be sure you don't miss it!

ROSIE'S REPORTINGS

By Rosemarie Lewis, WAØMNL

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Al Covey, WAØBCR, of Fountain, became a silent key on August 12. Al was an active ham, checking in on many nets. He served in both World War I and II. He is survived by his widoe, Mildred, and a daughter, Hellen, in Illinois.

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Phil Summers, WAØNXY, and his family have moved to California where he is employed by Ampex. Phil was the PPRAA's T VI man.

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John Summers Jr., WAØHHO, left for service with Uncle Sam's Navy August 21.

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Don Brown, WNØRFM, will be leaving soon--his new QTH will be Kansas City Kan.

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George Kowalski, WØGCH, recently passed his Amateur Extra Class test.

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Oak Stockton, KØROL, and the former Ruth Robinson were married August 11 at the Air Force Academy. She is originally from Chicago and is employed in the personnel department of Hewlett-Packard. Oak says he increased his family by four--thereby he and Ruth have a family of seven children.

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Mrs. Lovna Madsen, the widow of Chuck, WAØEQD, was married June 10, to Eston Schuster, a home builder. They are at home at 2405 Park View. Lovna says they got married in the jet age---four weeks after they were married they became grandparents.

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AL COVEY'S WIDOW WANTS TO DISPOSE OF HAM EQUIPMENT

Mrs. Mildred Covey, widow of Al Covey, WAØCBR, who passed away August 12, is anxious to dispose of his ham equipment so that she can sell their trailer prior to moving to another area.

Equipment to be sold includes the following items:

[redacted], VHF (new, only used one month)

[redacted] 2 and 6 meter xmtr, and [redacted]c xmtr with VF-O (both about a year old)

[redacted] (used only about 5 mos)

Heathkit HX20 (about 3 years old)

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ther goodies furnished by the club and contributed by various familes who attended the picnic, the hams and their sons---(with one or two players from the distaff side) managed to wind up the on-site activities with a fast-moving sotball game.

Max Main, WØBDH, headed one of the teams and John Summers, WAØHHN. the other. Max's team won by a score of 10 to 7. A DX homer was scored by Harold Combs, WAØPNR, a short skip one by John Summers Jr., WAØHHN.

Linda Lewis, WAØMNM, and her dog Duchess were the bunnies for the hidden transmitter hunt. First place honors went to the Mareks--Bob, WAØKZG and son Bob, WAØEJI, with the help of the women in the family. George Kowalski, WØGCH, came in second. Jerry, KØICQ, was third.

Linda was hidden behind a cardboard box under the steel walkover into Monument Park on the west side of the freeway.

"I want to thank everyone for the very FB cooperation on the picnic," said Rosie. "I know for sure we have some great cooks in the club---and they aren't women."

EQUIPMENT

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Heathkit HP20 power supply
Heathkit HM10 tunnel dipper
Heathkit EF2 oscilloscope
Set of code records and player.
3 speakers (one Heath, one Hallicrafter, one "home brew")
2 mikes, key and miscellaneous othrr ham gear.

Call 382-5409 or see at Chancellor Trailer Court, Space 92, in Fountain, Colo.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The next two meetings of the PPRAA will be of very vital interest to every member of the club and each member should plan to attend both meetings.

The meeting on September 13 will have two vital items of interest---a forum discussion of the new Incentive Licensing Program, which affects every holder of an Amateur Radio Licence, and the report of the nominating committee on new officers and directors.

Your opportunity (and duty) will come at the October 11 meeting to select those officers and directors you feel are best qualified to hold the positions.

I will be in Washington, D. C. on the 6th and 7th of September and will try to obtain all possible information on the new licensing program so that it may be discussed and explained in detail at the September meeting.

Wally Rowland and Pete Demario also plan to have information on this subject to assist me in discussing it at the meeting.

Also, as soon as it is possible to obtain information as to the type of material covered in the new "Element Four" theory test for the Advanced Class license, Wally plans to set up study groups to assist those General Class licensees who wish to try to qualify for this class of license.

The by-laws of the PPRAA provide that each year, four of the directors will be elected for a two year term. It also provides that these four retiring directors shall be renominated for office on the year their terms expire.

The four directors whose terms expire this year are Harlan Talley, Ed Pompea, Wally Rowland and John Summers Sr. (who filed the position left vacant when Bill Haskin resigned.)

The by-laws also provide that any nominations in addition to those made by the committee may be made by a member in good standing. Such a nomination, bearing the signatures of three members of the PPRAA, must be submitted to the club secretary not later than 20 days prior to the election. This year the final date for such nomination submissions will be September 20.

I strongly urge every member of the PPRAA to give every consideration to the choosing of officers for the coming year. As interested members of the PPRAA, each of you should be at the October 11 meeting to vote for the person of your choice to foll these offices to assure the continuation of an active PPRAA.

Max - WØBDH

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OUR APOLOGIES

We had an excellent report on the Pikes Peak Marathon and participation by members of the PPRAA, courtesy of Rosie, all typed out ready to use for this issue.

However, the last-minute receipt of information on the Incentive Licensing Program crowded that story out of this issue, so we will save it and run it in the October issue.

After all, it will still be "news" if you haven't read it yet.

Frank - WØHWH

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